GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT ON GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has decided to sign agreement on Global Technical Regulations for Motor Vehicles;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether signing of the agreement will benefit export of vehicles and reduce cost of development and production; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India has decided to sign the 1998 Agreement on Global Technical Regulations (GTR) for Motor Vehicles, administered by WP-29−World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, a body of the Economic Commission of Europe of the United Nations (UN-ECE). The 1998 Agreement is a forum for establishment of Global Technical Regulation for wheeled Motor Vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/ or used on wheeled vehicles. The objective of 1998 Agreement is to codify the international best practices in safety, emission regulations, energy sources and theft prevention equipments into global regulations without any binding obligations for reciprocal recognition of certification by signatory countries.

(c) & (d): The Global Technical Regulations are formed by harmonization of existing regulations of contracting parties as well as by establishment of new regulations with the consensus of all contracting parties. Hence, the design specifications of the vehicles would largely meet the specifications of the contracting parties.